



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PARISH CLERGY

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Parish Priest of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish  
Fr Joy Thomas OSH  
Assistant Priest of the Parish

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Asquith  
St Bernard's Berowra Heights  
*Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office  
9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.*

## NEWSLETTER Term 4, Week 2, 21st October 2020

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai and Dharug people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



## PRINCIPAL news



Dear Parents and Carers

### Covid Safe Requirements

Recently we have seen some easing of restrictions in the community by the NSW Government and this may continue over the coming weeks. This has not transferred to the school setting as there has been no movement by the government to ease restrictions in schools.

Currently parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site and although we looked to reschedule some events to this term, school events involving parent groups are unable to be held at this time.

I acknowledge that this is a difficult and at times frustrating situation. The recent Book Week Parade should have been a wonderful community event and we would have been delighted to have parents on site yesterday to witness and enjoy the Book Week Parade.

Please be assured that consideration of the Covid safe guidelines occurs for each event. We continue to keep students within their relevant grade group for learning activities and adhere to the time limits and other measures for school assemblies.

### **Visit by The Director of Schools**

Last Thursday we welcomed our new Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay Mr. Danny Casey to our school. Although a low-key visit, Danny was delighted to meet the staff and children and tour the school facilities. Danny was very impressed by the children he met which is a credit to our parent community.

A key discussion point was the positioning of the school for growth in the future and creating the pathway for students from our school to our diocesan high schools.

### **St. Leo's Priority Feeder Schools Program**

Last term I communicated to parents the beginning of the Priority Feeder School Program with St. Leo's. I was able to meet with the Principal of St. Leo's, Mr. Tony Gleeson, to discuss further ways we can develop a stronger partnership into the future.

I was fortunate to have a tour of the new facilities at St. Leo's and came away very impressed by their modern, contemporary learning spaces and the new facilities they have. I will say that I was even more impressed by the students I met and the future school curriculum that is occurring there.

As a Catholic system of schools we encourage parents to select Catholic primary schools for their children and wish to attract families back from the public system by making it clear that they are gaining a preferred or priority application status into St Leo's for high school. For our local community, I believe that parents should see St. Patrick's and St. Leo's as a clear K-12 pathway within the Catholic system.

In my discussions with Tony and the team at St. Leo's we are developing ways to further strengthen our partnership and I look forward to the many opportunities that it will bring to benefit our school community.

### **Kinder Screeners**

Next week we are very excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2021 as they participate in a Kinder Screener Session either on Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October. During each session the children will have a chance to get to know the school environment and meet and spend time with some of their new classmates. It will also be an opportunity for teachers to get to know the children as learners and prepare for their start at big school next year.

### **Canteen**

This Friday will see the reopening of the canteen with a limited menu of items for sale. A Covid-safe plan will be in place for everyone's health and safety. I ask you to refer to the flyer sent home today for the details of pre-purchasing items online through QQR.

### **Please Help! Covering New Reading Books**

The school has recently purchased a large number of new reading books for the children to use during reading group activities. Mrs Huggins is keen to have them in use as soon as possible and is asking for volunteers to assist with covering the books with clear contact. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.

### **School Fee Relief during Covid-19**

Please be aware that we are supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. Our program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/parenthub/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>

God bless you and your families.

**Todd Vane-Tempest**  
**Principal**





# NEW VACANCIES KINDERGARTEN 2021!

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Due to increased demand, St Patrick's will have two Kindergarten classes in 2021, which means we have added vacancies.

Enrolment application packs are available from the school office or our website.

# STUDENT AWARDS

## Week 10

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Ruwinka D.	Mina M.
<b>K Green</b>	Ira A.	Prince M.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Cristiano G.	Elizaveta K.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Grant D.	Sachi D.
<b>2 Green</b>	Charlie S.	Adam T.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Roisin S.	Niall C.
<b>3 Green</b>	Ava L.	Ava V.
<b>4 Gold</b>	Matthew C.	Ivy W.
<b>4 Green</b>	Luke P.	Bethan M.
<b>5 Green</b>	Izzie O.	Natasha H.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	James M.	Marli S.
<b>6 Green</b>	David L.	Marisa M.

## Week 1

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Anamaria D.	Vincent H.
<b>K Green</b>	Natalia P.	Annalise W.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Holly M.	Evie W.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Annabel A.	Emily C.
<b>2 Green</b>	Elissa M.	Mia N.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Noah D.	Natalia S.
<b>3 Green</b>	Archie M,	Zeyu L.
<b>4 Gold</b>	Natalia H.	Noah E.
<b>4 Green</b>	Abbie F.	Matteo D.
<b>5 Green</b>	Eudora T.	Emily B.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Renee S.	Matilda R.
<b>6 Green</b>	Aidan H.	Amilie D.

## INSTUMENTAL MUSIC / BAND news

Welcome to Term 4!

**Finally, some good news!**

**BAND IS BACK - YIPPEE!!**

We have been given the OK for ALL Band rehearsals to commence.

### Rehearsals start Week 2

Intermediate Band	Tuesday	8.00am
Training Band	Tuesday	1.15pm
Senior Band	Friday	8.00am

Rehearsals will be held in the School Hall following our Instrumental Music COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Our “Allegro” music lessons have been working so well I have decided to continue until end of Term - we will re-sume Group Lessons next year.

Yours musically

Helen Jacobsen

Instrumental Music / Band



## CLiC news (Caroline Walton)

### BOOK WEEK 2020

#### Curious Creatures - Wild Minds

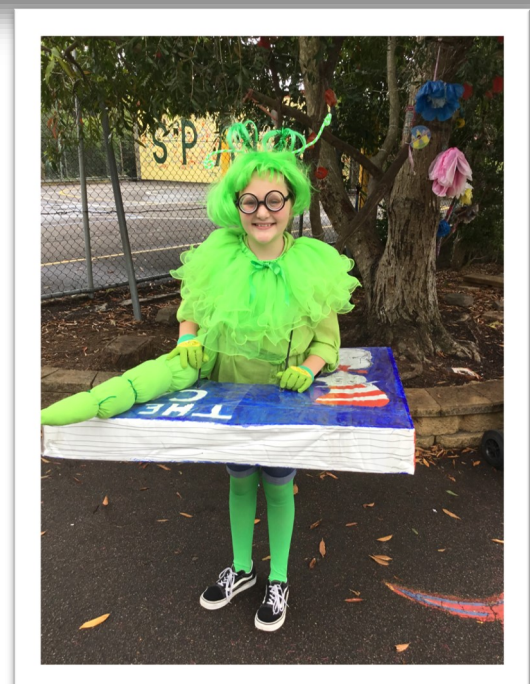
This year's Book Week Parade was a great success! Despite nearly being cancelled due to wet weather and the difficulties of Covid restrictions, the parade went ahead. Once again the children of St Patrick's showed their love of books and reading by turning up with an abundance of enthusiasm and joy.

While we missed our parents, grand-parents and pre-schoolers this year, it was clear that much effort and creativity had gone into preparation at home. A huge thanks and congratulations to parents for supporting your children's learning and love of reading.

In library lessons this week the children have been busy completing their Book Week Guessing Competition entries (Book Week Colouring-In for Kindergarten students). The winners will be announced next week. The classes have also been enjoying the Virtual Book Week Performance **The Greatest Discovery**.

A massive thanks goes to the Book Week Committee members: Alison D., Matilda R. (commentary), Alice D., Annah F. (stage-directing) and Penny G., Renee S., Kyrene U. and Sophie R. (setting up and photography) as well as assisting Kindergarten classes at the Book Fair.

Caroline Walton  
Teacher Librarian



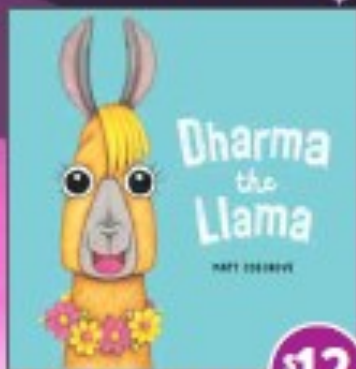


BOOKS  
START AT  
**\$5**

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR



**\$12**

**DHARMA THE LLAMA**  
Dharma doesn't run with the herd, she likes to do things her own way.  
8668897 | PICTURE BOOK  
AGES 3+ | 🐾



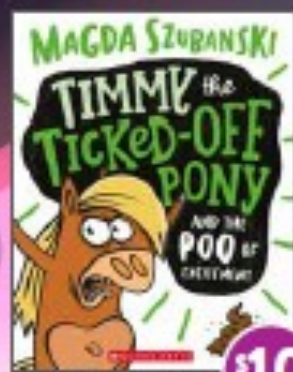
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**COCO: BIG CITY KITTY**  
Coco lives in the big city and her days are filled with excitement and adventure.  
8665242 | PICTURE BOOK  
AGES 5+ | 🐾



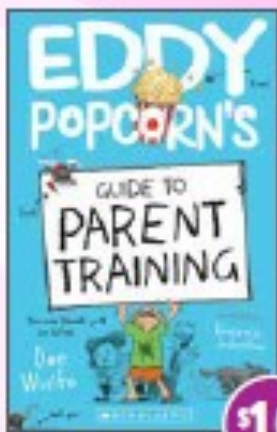
**\$10**

**THE BAD GUYS EPISODE 11: DAWN OF THE UNDERLORD**  
Mr Snake rips open a doorway into a world of horror, mayhem and blood-curdling badness!  
8668697 | CHAPTER BOOK  
AGES 7+ | 🐾



**\$10**

**TIMMY THE TICKED-OFF PONY**  
Timmy is a mega-star, until one little poo of excitement on the red carpet ruins his life.  
8651941 | NOVEL | AGES 7+ | 🐾



**\$10**

**EDDY POPCORN'S GUIDE TO PARENT TRAINING**  
When Eddy is grounded for the whole summer holidays, he tries to find ways to train his parents!  
8662677 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | 🐾



**\$10**

**THE SECRET JOURNAL**  
Ella discovers an old hidden diary, and discovers there's more to Eden College than meets the eye!  
8662525 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | 🐾



**\$15**

**THE ODD IS OUT: THE FIRST SEQUEL**  
Hilarious stories and advice on accepting your quirks and growing up in the internet age.  
8667244 | GRAPHIC NOVEL  
AGES 10+



**\$10**

**8-BIT SILICONE DIARY**  
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable notebook.  
8647546 | ACTIVITY BOOK  
AGES 7+

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

 SCHOLASTIC

FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

### Dear Parents,

Your child's Book Fair is like having an exciting bookstore come in to their school. Each student is given a time to visit and explore the books on offer. If they haven't already spoken to you about their 'Student Wish List', you can use this invitation to discuss the Book Fair and the books they have seen.

To purchase from the Book Fair, simply go online to place your order and make your payment. Then return the form below with the titles listed, and your child will bring them home to enjoy.



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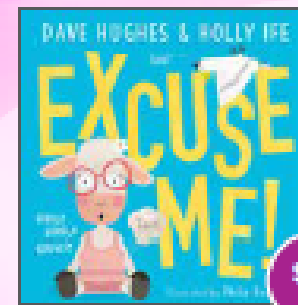


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#### BACKYARD CAMPOUT

The sisters decide to have a camping adventure in their own backyard!

8669112 | CHAPTER BOOKS  
AGES 5- | 🐾



**\$5**

#### EXCUSE ME!

Martha most certainly does not fart! But what happens on the day of the Baked Bean Bonanza?

8672452 | PICTURE BOOK  
AGES 3- | 🐾

## SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation. List your choices below and pay in advance.

### Wish List Payment

Please send this form in to school with your child BEFORE the Book Fair closes

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Item No.	Title	Price

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Receipt Number

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#### Online Payments:

[www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)

Be sure to choose Book Fairs payments, not Book Club.

You will receive an 8-digit receipt number with your credit card payment.

Record your receipt number below:

Please provide the following details:

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime ph: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Number

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**HAND SELECTED FROM OVER 50 PUBLISHERS BY SCHOLASTIC—THE GLOBAL EXPERTS ON GETTING MORE CHILDREN READING.**

**HUGE SELECTION OF AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS. LOOK FOR THIS ICON!**



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Are you looking for a new safe way to challenge your son or daughter (from 7 1/2yrs -10) and get them out and about and off the screen?

Kids, do you want to try something new?

Scouting engages and inspires young people to develop confidence, resilience and leadership.

**1st Waitara Cub Scout Group  
currently have vacancies.**

Conveniently located at the quiet end of Palmerston Road we have plenty of space for all of our indoor and outdoor activities.

Why not give it a try?

We take all Covid safe precautions and keep all social distancing rules.  
Our weekly Cub Scout meetings (during school terms) are 7.00–8.30pm

Mondays

All kids can come and try for up to 4 weeks free.

For more information please contact our 1st Waitara Group Leader, Alan “Chip” Todd on 0439 471 129

See our webpage for more:  
<https://joinscouts.com.au/scouts/1st-waitara-scout-group/>



**~Now Enrolling for 2021~**

We are offering short tours (by appointment) to show you the indoor and outdoor environment. We would love to meet you and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about preschool for your child next year.

Call us to make an appointment: 02 9477 2258

[www.norwoodcommunitypreschool.org.au](http://www.norwoodcommunitypreschool.org.au)

# Road safety



## Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.



## Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

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### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

**STOP!**  
one step back from the kerb

**LOOK!**  
continuously both ways

**LISTEN!**  
for the sounds of approaching traffic

**THINK!**  
whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across